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he built the Church of the Anastasis as the crowning memorial of his thirty years of reign, and in Antioch, Nicomedia, and a score of other cities his purse was constantly at the service of the Faith. The building of churches was a passion with him, and he also took care that they were provided with the Scriptures. Euse-bius* gives the text of a letter written to him by the Emperor ordering fifty copies of the Scriptures to be executed without delay. Constantine published an edict commanding that the Lord's day should be scrupulously observed and honoured, and that every facility should be given to Christian soldiers to enable them to attend the services. Even his pagan soldiers were to keep that day holy by offering up a prayer to the " King of Heaven/' in which they addressed him as the " Giver of Victory, their Preserver, Guardian, and Helper."

"Thee alone we know to be God ; Thee alone we recognise as King; Thee we invoke as Helper ; from Thee we have gained our victories ; through Thee we are superior to our enemies. To Thee we give thanks for the benefits we now enjoy ; from Thee we look for our benefits to come. All of us are Thy suppliants: and we pray that Thou wilt guard our King Constantine and his pious sons long, long to reign over us in safety and victory."

No pagan soldier could be offended at being required to offer this prayer to the King of Heaven. If he were sincere in his faith he would hope that it might reach the throne of Jupiter; Constantine

* *De Vita Const.*, iv., 36.